

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 7, with the following amended paragraph:

--Vendors supply network components or services with INF (information) files which contain, for example, information describing names of required network components or services, driver files, dependencies and registry updates to be performed. For example, Microsoft Corporation ~~MICROSOFT® company~~ provides INF files for Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP).--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 21, with the following amended paragraph:

--For example, assume that the computer 12a runs the operating system WINDOWS NT ® 4.0 operating system, and that a software program, for example, INTEL'S Intel® NETPORTEXPRESS™ software is to be installed from a disk 28 (e.g. a compact disk) to a computer 12a. An automatic installation agent 29 is included on the disk. A network administrator would insert the disk into the disk drive 18a. The network administrator would then start the software program startup process. This software program startup process is represented by the box labeled initiation 30 in the flowchart of FIG. 2.--